Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

ONe company owning more than one boradcast station stretches our Democracy beyond the tolerance point. It is just to easy for one company to censor what the public sees and hears. A free press/media is the ultimate safegard of democracy. Sinclair has a manopoly on the airwaves and very easily is dictating what the

public will see and hear. Even if you_ put a fantasy tittle on it and call it "news", it still amounts to nothing more than censorship. I object_strongly to this blatant manipulation of the media. To many American men and women have give and are giving their lives to protect my right to a free press/media. I owe to them to assure they didn't make the acrifice in vain. Please consider my objection to this obvious censorship and reconsider allowing this to air.

Thank you for your time and consideration.